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IN THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES

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Mrs. BOXER introduced the following bill; which was read twice and referred to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources

A BILL

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1 *Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representa-*
2 *tives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,*

3 **SECTION 1. SHORT TITLE.**

4 This Act may be cited as the “Sequoia-Kings Canyon
5 National Park Wilderness Act of 2007”.

6 **SEC. 2. DEFINITIONS.**

7 In this Act:

8 (1) SECRETARY.—The term “Secretary” means
9 the Secretary of the Interior.

1 (2) STATE.—The term “State” means the State
2 of California.

3 **SEC. 3. DESIGNATION OF WILDERNESS AREAS.**

4 In accordance with the Wilderness Act (16 U.S.C.
5 1131 et seq.), the following areas in the State are des-
6 ignated as wilderness areas and as components of the Na-
7 tional Wilderness Preservation System:

8 (1) JOHN KREBS WILDERNESS.—

9 (A) DESIGNATION.—Certain land in Se-
10 quoia-Kings Canyon National Park, comprising
11 approximately 69,500 acres of land, as gen-
12 erally depicted on the map entitled “John
13 Krebs Wilderness Proposal-Hockett Plateau/
14 Mineral King” and dated July 2007 and the
15 map entitled “John Krebs Wilderness Proposal-
16 Enlargement of Mineral King Area” and dated
17 May 2007, to be known as the “John Krebs
18 Wilderness”.

19 (B) LIMITATIONS.—The designation of the
20 wilderness under subparagraph (A) does not—

21 (i) preclude operation and mainte-
22 nance of the existing Hockett Meadow
23 Cabin and Quinn Patrol Cabin in the same
24 manner and degree in which the cabins
25 were operated and maintained on the day

1 before the date of enactment of this Act;
2 or

3 (ii) prohibit the operation, mainte-
4 nance, and repair of the small check dams
5 and water impoundments on Lower Frank-
6 lin Lake, Crystal Lake, Upper Monarch
7 Lake, and Eagle Lake.

8 (C) EFFECT.—Nothing in this paragraph
9 affects—

10 (i) the cabins in, and adjacent to,
11 Mineral King Valley; or

12 (ii) the private inholdings known as
13 “Silver City” and “Kaweah Han”.

14 (2) SEQUOIA-KINGS CANYON NATIONAL PARK
15 WILDERNESS ADDITION.—Certain land in the North
16 Fork/Redwood Canyon, California, comprising ap-
17 proximately 43,450 acres, and certain land in Chim-
18 ney Rock, California, comprising approximately
19 1,736 acres, as generally depicted on the map enti-
20 tled “Redwood Canyon/North Fork/Chimney Rock
21 Wilderness Proposal” and dated June 2007, is in-
22 corporated in, and shall be considered to be a part
23 of, the Sequoia-Kings Canyon National Park Wilder-
24 ness.

1 **SEC. 4. ADMINISTRATION OF WILDERNESS AREAS.**

2 (a) IN GENERAL.—Subject to valid existing rights,
 3 each area designated as wilderness by this Act shall be
 4 administered by the Secretary in accordance with the Wil-
 5 derness Act (16 U.S.C. 1131 et seq.), except that any ref-
 6 erence in the Wilderness Act to the effective date of the
 7 Wilderness Act shall be considered to be a reference to
 8 the date of enactment of this Act.

9 (b) MAP AND LEGAL DESCRIPTION.—

10 (1) SUBMISSION OF MAP AND LEGAL DESCRIP-
 11 TION.—As soon as practicable, but not later than 3
 12 years, after the date of enactment of this Act, the
 13 Secretary shall file a map and legal description of
 14 each area designated as wilderness by this Act
 15 with—

16 (A) the Committee on Energy and Natural
 17 Resources of the Senate; and

18 (B) the Committee on Natural Resources
 19 of the House of Representatives.

20 (2) FORCE AND EFFECT.—The map and legal
 21 description filed under paragraph (1) shall have the
 22 same force and effect as if included in this Act, ex-
 23 cept that the Secretary may correct any clerical or
 24 typographical error in the map or legal description.

25 (3) PUBLIC AVAILABILITY.—The map and legal
 26 description filed under paragraph (1) shall be on file

1 and available for public inspection in the Office of
2 the Secretary.

3 (c) HYDROLOGIC, METEOROLOGIC, AND CLIMATO-
4 LOGICAL DEVICES, FACILITIES, AND ASSOCIATED EQUIP-
5 MENT.—Nothing in this Act—

6 (1) prevents the installation and maintenance
7 of, or if nonmotorized access is not reasonably avail-
8 able or time is of the essence, limited motorized ac-
9 cess to, hydrologic, meteorologic, or climatological
10 devices or facilities and communication equipment
11 associated with the devices, if the devices, facilities,
12 or equipment are essential to flood warning, flood
13 control, water supply forecasting, or reservoir oper-
14 ation purposes; or

15 (2) precludes or restricts the use of utility heli-
16 copters for inspection or surveillance of utility facili-
17 ties in the vicinity of an area designated as wilder-
18 ness by this Act.

19 (d) NO BUFFER ZONES.—

20 (1) IN GENERAL.—Nothing in this Act creates
21 a protective perimeter or buffer zone around an area
22 designated as wilderness by this Act.

23 (2) ACTIVITIES OUTSIDE WILDERNESS.—The
24 fact that a nonwilderness activity or use can be seen
25 or heard from within an area designated as wilder-

1 ness by this Act shall not preclude the conduct of
2 the activity or use outside the boundary of the wil-
3 derness.

4 (e) HORSEBACK RIDING.—Nothing in this Act pre-
5 cludes horseback riding in, or the entry of recreational or
6 commercial saddle or pack stock into, an area designated
7 as wilderness by this Act.

8 **SEC. 5. AUTHORIZATION OF APPROPRIATIONS.**

9 There are authorized to be appropriated such sums
10 as are necessary to carry out this Act.

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